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Our island culture and life style has been blessed in many ways. It has occasionally been subjected to many difficult tests, but if we choose leaders who exemplify aloha and take action that is "pono," we will go a long way towards making wise choices in the new millennia.

The wisest choice I can think of is investing in our children. More than anything else, we need to make Hawaii's educational system "first rate." I spent five years lobbying for lower class size, alleviating the teacher shortage, and a wide array of bills that sought to improve our system. I would like to use the knowledge I have of standards-based reform, "No Child Left Behind", and other matters to ensure that the next generation acquires the skills they need to lead successful, productive lives.

The vitality and flexibility of our economy is second on my list of priorities. We need to foster economic development and spur job creation in industries that offer high pay. It is the only way to give our people the opportunity to afford a piece of paradise. Tourism is of great importance to us all. We must be proactive about maintaining the edge we now enjoy. The time is ripe for improving our airport system and processing travelers more efficiently. It is also wise to encourage growth of other types of industry. I think it is wise to fund a broad array of incubation projects and not limit ourselves to assisting high tech services.